

House Resolution 1816

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th, Collins of the 27th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. H.E. "Herb" Valentine; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. H.E. "Herb" Valentine; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Valentine was born on and raised in Valentines, Virginia, a town near the
5 Virginia-North Carolina border that was founded by and named for his ancestors, and he
6 earned a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Marines, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy and his fellow Americans
9 during three campaigns in the Pacific during World War II; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Valentine practiced internal medicine in Gainesville, Georgia, for more than
11 40 years and was a member of the first medical staff of Hall County Hospital, where he
12 served as the hospital's chief of staff; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia, completed
14 an internship at Emory University, and began his practice in Gainesville in 1948; and
- 15 WHEREAS, this talented doctor was president of the Hall County Medical Society and made
16 house calls to the rural areas of Dawson and Forsyth counties, often accepting only
17 vegetables from patients' gardens or a jar of honey from those who could not afford to make
18 monetary payments; and
- 19 WHEREAS, an avid supporter of Gainesville High School athletics, Dr. Valentine was
20 honored by the school system in 2007 with the naming of Gainesville High School's
21 weight-training facility in his honor; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Valentine was united in love and marriage to Bonnelle Lawson Valentine
23 and was blessed with four remarkable sons, Herbert, Dick, Tommy, and Mike; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Valentine will long be remembered for
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, physician, and friend will
32 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. H.E. "Herb" Valentine
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. H.E.
38 "Herb" Valentine.